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can come up with some promising ideas on fatigue. The task force would consist of members representing the Legislature, railroad management, Public Service Commission, railroad employees, and the public. Duties include researching fatigue as related to railroad employees. This may involve health and safety evaluations, quality of life, causes of fatigue, best practices, and any educational efforts that should be promoted. The task force will terminate December, 2002 after it has issued its findings in a report to the Legislature. There is no fiscal impact. And there weren't any real opponents to the bill in the hearing. This is an opportunity for all the interested parties to work on a common goal, and so I ask that you support this bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You're recognized to open on the committee amendments. (AM2595, Legislative Journal page 532.)

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The committee amendment simply clarifies the number of members of the task force and it would also replace two of the legislative members with...that are mentioned in the green copy, with two health and safety professionals who are knowledgeable about worker fatigue. This does have a member from the Chair of the Business and Labor and the Chair of the Transportation Committee, but that...we thought that that would be enough to represent the Legislature and bring the ideas back to us here, that health and safety professionals would be useful numbers on the committee. And this is what the committee amendment would do.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We're now debating the committee amendment. Seeing no debate on the committee amendments, Senator Connealy, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This once again is the committee priority bill for the Business and Labor. It would require a task force of interested parties to look at railroad workers and their fatigue. We've had bills in front of the Legislature, or in front of the committee, to require certain work periods and certain times off. The...both unions and the management of the railroads are in agreement that we should step back and study these issues. And I ask that you